



PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
PATENT OPERATIONS

Art Unit: 1742 (Examiner: Melvyn J. ANDREWS)

Applicants: STEPHEN M. POTTER  
PEDRO GUTENBERG QUARIGUASI NETTO

Serial No: 10/789,694

Filed: February 27, 2004

Title: COMBINED PRE-TREATMENT PROCESS FOR ENABLING FEED MATERIAL  
TO BE CHARGED IN DIRECT REDUCTION PROCESS

Charlotte, North Carolina  
May 9, 2005

Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

AMENDMENT

Responsive to the Official Action of February 10, 2005, kindly amend the above-identified  
application as follows: